Decline in cotton production in Andhra Pradesh

*474-A. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Wiil the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there hai been a considerable decline in the produc tion of cotton crop in Andhra Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether tho Central Government are aware that the State Government have not taken any steps to help th?, growers increase the yield; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures the Central, Government propose to take to improve the lot of the cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh dnring the current year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) and (b) The production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh, during 1984-85 is estimated at 9.9 lakh bales as compared to the annual average production of 7.0 lakh bales during ihe previous five years. This was despite inadequate rainfall and attack of white fly during 1984-85.

(c) The State Government have taken steps to increase the yield of cotton and the yield in 1984-85 was 316 kg/hectare as against the average yield of 226 kg|> hectare in the previous five years.

(d) A continuing Centrally Sponsored In tensive Cotton Development Programme is in operation in Andhra Pradesh which! provides for the subsidised distribution of plant protection equipments, certified seeds and laying out of demonstrations.

Review of public sector housing projects by HUDCO

•475. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HUDCO has reviewed the public sector housing projects; and

(b) if so, what are the main observations and recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) HUDCO reviews all housing projects financed by it.

(b) the review ha_s revealed that planning and designing of projects need *to* be upgraded with a view to achieve better utilisation of spaces and improving environmental quality.

*476. *[Transferred to ihe 1th December,* 1985].

Allotment of alternate plots of Iand in lieu of acquired plots in Delhi

*477. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for allotment of alternative plots of land in lieu of acquired plots, at present pending wth the Delhi Administration;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in disposing of the cases of some whereat the cases of others submitted simultaneously and afterwards have been disposed of; and

(c) by when the remaining cases are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHA FOOR); (a) 1866 applications are tepor-ted to be pending with Delhi Administra tion as on 30.11.85.

(b) The delay in disposal of applications for allotment of alternative plots is attri-butable to a nnmber of factors such as:-

(i) Incomplete applications.

(ii) Disputes among the legal heirs as a result whereof there are more than one applications against the same piece of acquired land.

(iii) The applicants inability to furnish the Relinquishment Deed from the remaining legal heirs.

(iv) Applications from non-genuine persons wh_0 purchased small patches of